

## REMARKS

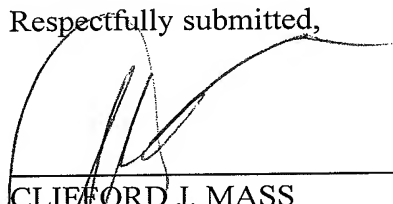
The official action of 22 February 2010 has been carefully considered and reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The indication that claims 11, 12 and 18 are allowed is noted with appreciation. Although Applicants respectfully do not agree with the rejection of claim 17 under 35 USC 103(a), claim 17 has now been canceled to gain an allowance of the application. The cancellation of claim 17 is without prejudice to Applicants' right to pursue protection of the canceled subject matter in a continuation application.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that the sole remaining rejection of record has been rendered moot and that the application is now in allowable form. An early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited and is believed to be fully warranted.

Please charge Account No.12-0425 for any fees which may be due by this paper.

Respectfully submitted,



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